Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dennis Unkenholz is a life long sportsman whose passion for South Dakota's natural resources and the outdoor opportunities they afford is paralleled by few; and,

Whereas, Dennis's affection for the outdoors and his keen appreciation of the need to provide opportunities for the public to enjoy South Dakota's natural resources led him to a career with the South Dakota Department of Game Fish and Parks in 1971; and,

Whereas, Dennis began what would become a 36-year career that culminated as Chief of Fisheries for the Division of Wildlife; and,

Whereas, Dennis gained his greatest satisfaction from seeing kids of all ages enjoy the wonderful sport of fishing, and retires with the hatcheries and fisheries of South Dakota in excellent condition, in fact, some of the best in the country; and,

Whereas, Dennis earned the respect of his colleagues across the nation for his knowledge of scientific data and fishing regulations and his willingness to share his knowledge with others; and,

Whereas, All would eagerly agree that Dennis's greatest contribution is his love for South Dakota's outdoors and his enthusiastic willingness to be an advocate for the countless opportunities that exist in our great state to enjoy these resources:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 24, 2007, as

DENNIS UNKENHOLZ DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, family and friends in congratulating him on a well-earned retirement and wishing him a healthy, peaceful and enjoyable retirement filled with good hunting and fishing!

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State